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of local or national education. Let the emulation of my Country be displayed, not in words only, but in deeds. In deeds, substantially exemplified, in pouring in their patriotic gifts in aid of those whose aim is national improvement. I am yours &c.  
*Templemoile.* POPPICOLA.

*For the Belfast Monthly Magazine.*

THE FOLLOWING RECEIPT FOR MAKING INK, PUBLISHED BY PROFESSOR ROBINSON, HAS BEEN USED WITH SUCCESS.

IN making ink, if the iron be in excess, the black particles gradually fall, and the ink becomes brown. If a plate of iron be kept in ink, the whole of the inky particles precipitates in a short time: several other metals produce the same effect. Hence the reason why ink becomes bad if kept in metallic vessels.

Rasped Logwood . . . . 1 ounce.  
 Best Nutgalls . . . . . 3 ditto.  
 Gum Arabic . . . . . 2 ditto.  
 Green Vitriol . . . . . 1 ditto.  
 Rain Water . . . . . 2 quarts.  
 Cloves . . . . . 1 drachm.

Boil the water with the logwood and gum to one half, strain the hot decoction into a glazed vessel, add the green vitriol, and stir it repeatedly. After some days, decant and strain it into a bottle, to be kept close corked, in a dark place. The use of the cloves is

to prevent mouldiness. The same thing is done completely by the addition of corrosive sublimate. D. C.

*For the Belfast Monthly Magazine.*

TO MEDICAL MEN.

SINGULAR CASE OF SPASM.

IN the month of October last, a seaman, afflicted with spasm, was sent on shore at Carrickfergus, from his Majesty's Ship, Argus, and placed under the care of Surgeon Aiken of that town. This spasm was a most singular one; on the slightest motion of any part of his body, the diaphragm and ribs were so drawn up as to press on the lungs, and put a stop to respiration for a few seconds. He was sick and faintish, his pulse from 90 to 100, and intermitting, particularly when seized with the spasm; the pain in the diaphragm, abdominal and intercostal muscles was excruciating; the anti-spasmodics appeared to produce little or no effect, opium excepted, and that medicine merely relieved the pain. It required a triple proportion of cathartic medicine to produce any effect on his bowels. The disease continued for ten days, and he was cured by bleeding and blistering.

*Quere...* From what cause could this spasm originate? could it be from an injury done to the phrenic nerve or diaphragm, as the man was seized with it immediately after over-reaching himself. S.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF DISTINGUISHED PERSONS.

### THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON.

THE history of the admirable Crichton is doubtless familiar to our readers, and the perusal of it, while it may have been entertaining, has only left on their minds the impression, that the extravagance of the narration gave just ground to doubt even the ground work, and almost lead them to deny the existence of the real character. Such seems to have been the idea of Dr. Kippis, who, while he gives his life, gives it with much appearance of qualms of conscience in doing so. To those

who may have read the account of this wonderful man, and in the midst of incredulity, have indulged a wish that human nature did possess such a gem, it may give satisfaction to find some traces of evidence, by which the reality of his existence is established; and the list of his works which were printed, confirms the general credit of the narration given of his disputations, as the subjects in the list are nearly the same with those on which he maintained his public thesis. His works were,

1. Odes to Laurentius Massa.